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TILEFISH COMMERCIAL FISHERY IN GULF OF MEXICO FEDERAL WATERS WILL CLOSE AT 12:01 A.M., LOCAL TIME, NOVEMBER 21, 2005

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the commercial fishery for tilefish in Gulf of Mexico federal waters will close at 12:01 a. m., local time, on November 21, 2005, when the tilefish quota of 440,000 pounds, gutted weight, is projected to be reached. The existing regulations require closure of the tilefish fishery when the quota is reached. The commercial fishery will remain closed until 12:01 a.m., local time, January 1, 2006. The operator of a vessel with a valid reef fish permit having tilefish aboard must have landed and sold such tilefish prior to 12:01 a.m., local time, November 21, 2005.

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supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to consumers and recreational opportunities for the American public.

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